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**HONORING TYRONE AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS PROGRAM RECOGNITION**

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tyrone Area High School for receiving the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognition.

Since 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has celebrated schools that have either made significant improvements or achieved an outstanding level of school-wide performance. This year, only 335 schools in the United States were honored with this distinction, including the 9th District's Tyrone Area High School. In order to achieve this distinction, schools must earn test scores that illustrate advanced or strongly improving academic achievement.

As the Tyrone Area High School mission statement explains, there is an expectation that all students will achieve high levels of personal and academic success. Thanks to the hard work of dedicated students and the support of not only highly organized administrators and teachers but also the community, Tyrone Area High School has attained this extraordinary honor. Furthermore, this involved and no-nonsense approach has enabled Tyrone students to achieve this recognition despite lacking the same resources as some of the state's wealthiest districts.

A true mark of its high expectations, Tyrone High exposes all of its students to college-level coursework, and the results speak for themselves. Tyrone students led a state of 541 districts in both writing achievement and growth in 2012, and placed first in the state in 2013 for literature growth. In 2014, Tyrone had the highest School Performance Profile in the 35-district Intermediate Unit.

It is my privilege to congratulate Tyrone Area High School for its National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition. I'm also proud to highlight the dedicated and involved effort of all those who made this award possible as it represents the spirit of the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOSEPH YOUNG**

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor the life and legacy of Mr. Joseph Young who made his heavenly transition on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. A native of Chicago, Illinois, Joseph was the fifth of eight children born to the union of the late Willie Frank Young and Margaret Elizabeth Lindly.

Joseph relocated to New Orleans in 1965, where he would meet his future wife Perry,

while she was matriculating at Dillard University. Upon returning to Chicago, Joseph answered the call to serve his country in the United States Army, where he would serve a tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam before being discharged with the rank of Sergeant in 1970. Joseph and Perry were united in holy matrimony on July 18, 1970 and to this union, one son, Damon Avery, was born and their second son, Jimmy Myu, was adopted.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his life, Mr. Young served in positions of leadership. Whether serving as President of the Foster Park Community Council, organizing two separate little league baseball teams, or serving in a political capacity as Field Director for former Congressman Harold Washington's mayoral campaign in 1983 and Illinois State Director for the 1992 Clinton Campaign, Mr. Young set so many examples of leadership and courage. A feat that was recognized in his becoming the first African American Illinois State Director for the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Young will surely be missed. I join his devoted and loving wife, Perry; two sons, Damon Avery and Jimmy Myu (Nikkie); daughter, Lavitia (Rev. Larry) Arnold, brother, Supt. James Young (Betty Jean), sisters, Rev. Rhoda Barnes and Judy Young, sister-in-law Gert; grandchildren; nephews, nieces and many friends and colleagues in mourning his passing. I am honored to pay tribute to this dedicated community and political leader.

**HOUSTON DYNAMOS HONOR SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JOHN "SPIKE" GARCIA**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Houston Dynamos have brought a new energy to Houston. The soccer team has drawn fans from across the country and given Houstonians another reason to embrace the color orange—besides the Houston Astros. Houston's Major League soccer team will celebrate its 10 year anniversary this month on October 18th at BBVA Compass Stadium against the Seattle Sounders. During this game the team will honor its past and present players and they will recognize our local veterans. Included in the team's recognition is one particular veteran who has given so much of his energy and all of his heart to helping our local veterans transition back home: John "Spike" Garcia. Spike will call in the flyover and be honored by the Dynamos during half-time.

If there is any area veteran that embodies the best of our nation, state and community it is Spike Garcia. Spike began his military career with the U.S. Army in 1983 and later served for 27 years with the Texas Air National Guard, retiring at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. He volunteered for two combat tours to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Each day, after performing his military duties, he volunteered at the Air Force Theater Hospital in Balad.

He previously served as the Airfield Manager for the 147th Reconnaissance Wing Joint Reserve Base at Ellington, and for his service,

he has received numerous honors, including the 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Commander's Award and an Air Force One support presentation by President George W. Bush.

Not only is Spike an honorable defender of liberty and freedom, he has a heart for supporting others, which is why the Dynamos' recognition of him is even more fitting. He is a dedicated father of two who spends his free time helping out his fellow man. He is a member of the Lone Star Veterans Association, the Armed Forces Appreciation Committee for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Houston Military Affairs Committee and he serves on my Service Academy Nomination Board for the Second Congressional District—just to name a few. The Houston Dynamos have selected a very deserving member of our community to be recognized. As Spike humbly put it, they could have selected anyone and they chose him.

Spike has helped out the Dynamos' program since the beginning, and they consider him family. The name dynamo describes someone of great energy, a tenacious individual who never gives up. I can't think of anyone who exemplifies this more than Spike Garcia.

And that's just the way it is.

**TRIBUTE TO ALAN AND PHYLLIS MOORE**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alan and Phyllis Moore of Red Oak, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Alan and Phyllis were married in 1965.

Alan and Phyllis' lifelong commitment to each other and their children truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL**

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Collegiate Honors Council for their 50th anniversary this year. The National Collegiate Honors Council represents 800 colleges and universities and is composed of 325,000 students dedicated to achieving educational excellence in diverse subject curriculum areas in order to achieve professional career goals.

In my district, the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College in the University of Mississippi has given thousands of our most

gifted students the chance to expand their learning experience far beyond the traditional classroom setting. The Honors College admits about 400 freshmen with an average 3.95 high school GPA every fall and currently has a total of 1,250 students who challenge themselves at the highest level so that they can fulfill their potential. Once enrolled in the Honors College, these exceptional students enjoy the benefits of priority registration that ensures access to optimal class schedules, fellowship and study abroad programs that provide valuable work experiences and enrich global perspectives, and specialized staff that offer counseling on career goals, academic courses, and scholarship opportunities.

Students engage in active learning both inside and outside of the classroom by taking more challenging courses and participating in community action events. By providing all of these exciting learning opportunities to thousands of bright young students through decades of dedicated hard work, the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College has become a cornerstone of the University of Mississippi, ensuring its standing as one of the great American public Universities.

The National Collegiate Honors Council, after decades of growth and experience, continues to dedicate itself to promoting educational excellence within our nation's colleges and universities while preparing students for successful professional careers. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing the program's contributions to our nation's educational and professional communities honoring its 50th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING LIBERTY CORNER SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liberty Corner School of Liberty Corner, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement. Liberty Corner was cited as an "Exemplary High Performing" school, as measured by state assessments and national tests. This recognition is a testament to the outstanding work and dedication of the faculty and staff, as well as the efforts and successes of the students in creating a safe and welcoming school where students master challenging content.

The curriculum at Liberty Corner School has prepared students to attend some of the finest universities in the Nation and the extracurricular activities, electives, leadership training and guest speakers offer students a wide array of academic experiences. Liberty Corner School's athletic program continues to grow as well, both in scope and success.

This is a prestigious award to receive and Liberty Corner School is a proud example of

academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

HONORING ARTHUR WHEELOCK

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mr. Arthur Wheelock of Vernon, Connecticut on his outstanding four decades of teaching and coaching at Rockville High School.

A lifelong Ram, Art graduated from Rockville High School in 1968. After attending college at West Virginia Wesleyan, he returned to Rockville to teach physical education, a position he would hold for the next 42 years. Shortly after launching his teaching career, Art began coaching baseball, followed by football and basketball. His skills as a coach quickly gained notice in Vernon, and soon spread both across Connecticut and the nation. Scholastic sports in Vernon have a rich tradition, with numerous state titles and a passionate fan base. At the state level, Art was recognized as the Connecticut High School Baseball Coaches Association's "Coach of the Year" in 2006, and nationally, received the "Take Pride in America" award for his work in starting Pee Wee Sports with the Vernon Junior Women's Club. And in 2003, Art won the American Baseball Coaches Association's Regional Coach-of-the-Year Award.

Art has devoted his life to working with the community, leaving a significant and positive impact on thousands of Connecticut students. He has coached 758 baseball games, winning 433, including 11 conference championships. In his over 41 years at Rockville High School, Art has coached more games than any other individual in the school's history. Under his leadership, his students also reached three state championship games, and captured the 2000 Class "L" title. A tireless teacher, coach, and mentor to Connecticut students, Art has demonstrated a passion for helping youth through sports that is unmatched. Without exaggeration, Art touched the lives of thousands of youngsters, transforming their lives as a positive role model. The Vernon community is very fortunate to have benefited from his experience and dedication for so many years.

Please join me in congratulating Art on a lifetime of service to his community, and wishing him a rewarding, and well-deserved, retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES PAUL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate James Paul of Hastings, Iowa, for being inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Iowa State Fair. Inductees to the Hall of Fame have demonstrated dedication, encouragement, commitment, and guidance to Iowa's 4-H students through the years.

James has been providing guidance and encouragement for youth for the past 30 years.

He has organized workshops and challenges that motivate the youth to experiment in growing a variety of crops and produce. James has assisted over 1,000 youth and adults in developing skills in gardening. He is a farmer in Mills County with his wife, Harva. They have three children who were all active 4-H members.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate James Paul for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can have a positive impact on the future of our youth. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating James for his accomplishments within the 4-H community. I wish him nothing but continued success moving forward.

HONORING MR. KENNETH R. JOSEPH

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated community service of Mr. Kenneth R. Joseph as he marks his 20th anniversary as a Trustee for Southwestern Illinois College.

Mr. Joseph was elected to then Belleville Area College's Board of Trustees in 1995 and has been continuously re-elected since that time. His fellow Board members chose him to serve as the Board's Chair in 1999 and subsequently chose him to serve as the Board's Vice Chair for 15 years. In addition to his many duties as Board Vice Chair, Mr. Joseph works enthusiastically with the administration, faculty, and staff on the Planning and Policy Committee. He has also served on the Board's Facilities and Finance, and Personnel, Programs and Services committees during his time on the Board. Also, he has served as a member of the Illinois Community College Trustee Association Board of Representatives.

Mr. Joseph is a retired Sheriff's Deputy, having served 22 years with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department. He was a member of the first graduating class of the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy at the former BAC and earned his Associate in Applied Science Degree in Administration of Justice from the college as well. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from McKendree University in Lebanon.

As a Belleville, Illinois resident, retired peace officer, taxpayer, husband, father of three, and grandfather, Mr. Joseph chose to pursue a seat on the Southwestern Illinois College Board because he believed he could help ensure access to quality education for area residents, contribute to the success of the community college, and contribute to the success and growth of the Southwestern Illinois region.

Mr. Joseph has consistently and actively helped SWIC maintain its longstanding accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, and achieve model-institution recognition from the HLC for its Academic Quality Improvement Program initiatives and achievements by insisting on the highest academic standards and state-of-the-art classroom technology.